

Agenda

Joint Meeting of the Regional Council of Rural Counties And California Biodiversity Council

**October 10, 2001
Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp, California**

8:30 – 9:00 **Opening Remarks and Introductions** (*Mike Pool*, CBC Co-Chair, and *Robert Meacher*, President – RCRC)

Welcome – *Doug Balmain*, District 2 Supervisor, Mariposa County and CBC

9:00–9:30 **Follow-up from Rohnert Park Meeting** – Improving Participation by Local Government in Public Land-Use Planning (*Linda Arcularius*, District 1 Supervisor, Inyo County)

9:30 – 4:15

Program: Fire Protection and Fuels Management Initiatives in California
(Program Moderators: *Mike Pool*, and *Robert Meacher*)

9:30 – 10:00 **Discussion of Fire Suppression Work in California in 2001**
(*Louis Blumberg*, Deputy Director for Public Affairs Public Education and Legislation, CDF, and *Brad Powell*, Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry, Pacific Southwest Region, USFS)

10:00-10:30 **Overview of Current Fuels Conditions in California Forests and Rangelands and the Role of Fire in Wildland Ecosystems** (*Jan Van Wagtenonk*, Research Scientist, USGS, Yosemite NP)

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45– 12:15 **Panel and Open Discussion: The Roles for Biomass Utilization in Fuels Management and Other Programs** (Session Moderator: *The Honorable Dick Dickerson*, California State Assembly)

Biomass harvest as a fuels management strategy (*Gary Nakamura*, Coop Extension Forestry Specialist, UC Coop Extension, Redding)

Ecological roles of biomass material (*Bill Laudenslayer*, Research Wildlife Ecologist, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USFS)

Economic Uses for Biomass (*Loyd Forrest*, TSS Consultants)

Challenges for putting it all together (*Dean Cromwell*, Senior Research Manager, Fire and Resource Assessment Program, CDF)

12:15 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 **Community Fire Protection Under the California and National Fire Plan Initiatives**

The National Fire Plan (*Brad Powell*, Regional Forester, Pacific Southwest Region, USFS)

The California Fire Alliance (*Mike Pool*, State Director, BLM)

The California Fire Plan (*Louis Blumberg*, Deputy Director for Public Affairs Public Education and Legislation CDF)

GIS Data Support for the Calif. Fire Plan (*Wayne Mitchell*, Assistant Northern Region Chief for Administration, CDF)

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:15 **Panel and Open Discussion: Local Initiatives for Community Fire Protection – Successes and Challenges**

Coop Fire Planning for Oakhurst (*Candace Gregory*, Assistant Southern Region Chief for Administration, CDF)

Nevada County Fire Safe Council (*Peter Van Zant*, District 1 Supervisor, Nevada County Board of Supervisors)

Southwest Interface Project (*Mark Thornton*, District 4 Supervisor, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors)

4:15 – 4:30 **Report from the CBC Executive Committee** (*Chris Nota*, Regional Forester's Assistant, Pacific Southwest Region, USFS)

4:30 – 4:45 **Update on Watershed Work Group** (*Maria Rea*, Assistant Secretary for Watershed and Salmon Restoration, California Resources Agency)

4:45–5:00 **Update on CCRISP** (*Madelyn Glickfeld*, Assistant Secretary, California Resources Agency)

5:00 Adjourn